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1. MISSION MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING FOR POLADS MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 15 ON QUESTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS.

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2. US CONTINUES TO PREFER BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN THIRD TICK OF PARA 4 OF IS DRAFT AS CONTAINED REF B. HOWEVER, IF NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS, YOU MAY AGREE TO UK ALTERNATIVE TEXT FOR PARA 7 (REF A) SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND REVISIONS:

(A) WE SEE SOME MERIT IN UK SUGGESTION IN REFTEL A FOR A CAUTIOUS APPROACH ON INCLUDING PURELY NAVAL AND AIR OPERATIONS IN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF EXERCISES, SINCE THIS SERVES TO LIMIT SECURITY CONTENT OF CSCE AND TO AVOID PROBLEMS OF POTENTIAL AREA ENLARGEMENT CONNECTED WITH SUCH OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, LIMITING LIST TO ONLY GROUND EXERCISES AND COMBINED OPERATIONS MAY BE UNDULY RESTRICTIVE. WE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE INCLUDED CRESTED CAP IN OUR ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF EXERCISES BECAUSE WE DO ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO PUBLICIZING THIS AIR EXERCISE. IT THEREFORE SEEMS PREFERABLE NOT RPT NOT TO BE TOO SPECIFIC IN CATEGORIZING TYPES OF EXERCISES TO BE INCLUDED.

(B) WE AGREE IN PART WITH UK ARGUMENT THAT FAILURE TO NOTIFY MANEUVERS WHICH ARE UNCONCEALABLE IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF THEY INVOLVE SENSITIVE WEAPONS SYSTEMS COULD SERVE TO INCREASE TENSIONS. HOWEVER, WEST WOULD WISH TO RETAIN OPTION OF NOT GIVING PRIOR NOTIFICATION ON SMALLER EXERCISES WHICH ARE OF A SENSITIVE CHARACTER. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SUPPORT TURKISH SUGGESTION THAT WORDS " CERTAIN ASPECTS OF" IN LAST SENTENCE BE DELETED. IF UK CANNOT ACCEPT THIS DELETION, YOU MAY PROPOSE THAT UK LANGUAGE BE ACCEPTED, BUT WITH WORDS " CERTAIN ASPECTS OF" IN BRACKETS. HOWEVER, IF UK UNWILLING TO SEE THIS LANGUAGE BRACKETTED, YOU SHOULD NOT AGREE TO DROPPING BRACKETTED LANGUAGE IN THIRD TICK OF PARA 4.

3. REVISED UK LANGUAGE CONFORMING TO ABOVE MIGHT READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE SINCE THE LISTS ARE MAINLY DESIGNED FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES AND ARE ILLUSTRATIVE IN NATURE, THEY MIGHT CONTAIN THE SORT OF DETAIL REFERRED TO IN PARA 10 BELOW. IN PRINCIPLE, THEY COULD INCLUDE GROUND, AIR AND NAVAL MANEUVERS, AS WELL AS COMBINED OPERATIONS. SINCE THOSE LARGE- SCALE MANEUVERS WHICH WOULD BE REGARDED AS DESTABILIZING IN THE CSCE CONTEXT ARE GENERALLY COMBINED OPERATIONS, IT APPEARS PREFERABLE THAT NATIONAL ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS EMPHASIZE COMBINED OPERATIONS WHEREVER
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POSSIBLE. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY MAY IN CERTAIN CASES PRECLUDE THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN MANEUVERS.
END QUOTE.

4. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF LISTS ALONG LINES OF PARAS NINE AND TEN. YOU MAY

INFORM POLADS THAT WE INTEND TO SUBMIT REVISION OF US
LIST. RUSH

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